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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) continued its consideration of the common metrics used to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks (hereinafter referred to as common metrics) within the framework of methodological issues under the Convention and reiterated its acknowledgement of the relevance of common metrics to climate change policy.

2. The SBSTA noted that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) has initiated its work on common metrics in relation to the elaboration of guidance for accounting for Parties' nationally determined contributions for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), which, inter alia, ensures that Parties account for anthropogenic emissions and removals in accordance with methodologies and common metrics assessed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and adopted by the CMA.[1]

3. The SBSTA held substantive discussions on this matter, including on the findings of the IPCC in its Fifth Assessment Report, and recognized that further consideration of common metrics by the APA is necessary.

4. The SBSTA agreed to continue consideration of common metrics at its session to be held in June 2019 so as to be able to take into account the deliberations under the APA on the guidance referred to in paragraph 2 above and the findings of the IPCC in its Fifth Assessment Report.

[1] Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31(a).